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1. SUMMARY: DURING TEDIOUS ALL-DAY SESSIONS ON MAY 3
AND 4, THE WORKING GROUP PRODUCED REVISED DRAFTS OF THE
SOUDA APPENDIX AND ANNEX A FOR GOG AND WASHINGTON CON-
SIDERATION. THE GREEKS AGREED TO A HELICOPTER SORTIER LEVEL
OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE. U.S. SIDE ACHIEVED ESSENTIAL
GOALS OF COST-SHARING INSTRUCTIONS WHILE EXTRACTING STILL
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FURTHER CONCESSIONS FROM THE GREEKS. ACTION REQUEST:
SEE PARA 11. END SUMMARY

2. FOLLOWING PARAS CONTAIN DISCUSSION, PROPOSED TEXTS,
AND COMMENTS KEYED TO REF A. THOSE PERTAINING TO
ARTICLE IX (COST SHARING) ARE KEYED TO THE GREEK FORMULATION
AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, CROSS REFERENCE INSTRUCTIONS IN

REF C. ARTICLES NOT MENTIONED IN THIS MESSAGE REMAIN
AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED IN REF A.

3. ARTICLE III. REEMPHASIZING THEIR POLITICAL NERVOUS-
NESS OVER THE U.S. PRESENCE AT SOUDA, THE GREEKS REFUSED
TO BUDGE FROM THEIR ADAMANT POSTION AGAINST
ANY LANGUAGE WHICH COULD IMPLY FUTURE
U.S. USE OF SOUDA FOR TACTICAL AIR OR FOR U.S. OPERATIONS
AUTHORIZED IN THE AGREEMENT AT LEVELS ABOVE THOSE SPECI-
FIED. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY WERE WILLING TO OFFER
ASSURANCES OF FLEXIBILITY IN RESPECT TO AUTHORIZED
OPERATIONS IN ACTUAL PRACTICE UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES
(SEE PARA 5 BELOR). IN THIS ARTICLE (AND IN ANNEX A),
FOR PRESENTATIONAL REASONS, THE GREEKS WERE ALSO
ANXIOUS TO DOWNPLAY THE EXTENT OF THE U.S. PRESENCE AND
TO ELIMINATE ANY CONNOTATION THAT THE GOG HAD APPROVED
"SECRET" MISSIONS (READ MIDDLE EAST RESUPPLY). USING
INSTRUCTIONS IN REF B AS A GUIDE, THE ARTICLE WAS
REFORMULATED AT THE TABLE TO: SATISFY GREEK CONCERNS:
INCORPORATE SORTIE LEVELS DESIRED BY THE U.S.; AND
EXEMPT OCCASIONAL TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT FROM THE SORTIE
CEILING. ARGICLE III NOW READS;

"1. THE FACILITIES AT SOUDA AIR BASE DESIGNATED
IN ANNEXES A AND B TO THIS APPENDIX FOR THE USE
OF THE UNITED STATES FORCES MAY BE USED TO OPERATE
UNITED STATES MARITIME PATROL AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT
AIRCRAFT FOR TRAINING, FAMILIARIZATION, LOGISTIC,
AND MARITIME PATROL FLIGHT PURPOSES OF THE SIXTH
FLEET/STRIKING FORCE SOUTH OF ALLIED COMMAND, EUROPE.
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"2. THE NUMBER OF SORTIES BY UNITED STATES
AIRCRAFT FOR THE PURPOSES IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE AT
SOUDA AIR BASE SHALL NOT EXCEED A TOTAL OF TWO
HUNDRED AND NINETEEN SORTIES PER QUARTER FOR
FIXED WING AIRCRAFT AND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY
ONE SORTIES PER QUARTER FOR HELICOPTERS.

"3. UTILIZATION OF THE AIRFIELD WILL BE IN
COORDINATION BETWEEN THE INSTALLATION COMMANDER AND
THE UNITED STATES SENIOR OFFICER AND EFFORTS SHOULD
BE MADE TO AVOID PEAK HELLENIC AIR FORCE OPERATING
HOURS, IN PARTICULAR FOR HELICOPTERS.

"4. MARITIME PATROL OPERATIONS ARE AUTHORIZED
FOR PERIODS TOTALING FOURTEEN DAYS PER QUARTER.
PEAK LOADING FOR MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT AT
SOUDA AIR BASE SHALL NOT EXCEED A MAXIMUM OF
FIVE UNITED STATES AIRCRAFT.

"5. THE USE OF SOUDA AIR BASE AS A CARRIER
AIRCRAFT DIVERT AIRFIELD SHALL NOT EXCEED FIFTEEN
DAYS PER QUARTER."

4. COMMENTS: ON ARTICLE III:

A. REFORMULATION OF PARA III.2 TO INCLUDE "FOR THE PRUPOSES IN PARA 1 ABOVE" WAS TO EXEMPT OCCASIONAL TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT (AS WELLL AS AIRCRAFT WITH EMERGENCIES) FROM THE SORTIE LEVEL IN RETURN FOR OUR AGREEMENT TO DROP FORMER PARA III.7 WHICH SPECIFIED THIS EXEMPTION IN EXPLICIT TERMS. GREEKS FEARED THAT A SEPARATE PROVISION HIGHLIGHTING USE OF SOUDA BY "TRANSIENT" AIRCRAFT COULD BE VIEWED SUSPICIOUSLY BY POLITICAL ANTAGONISTS, POINTING OUT THAT NOTHING IN THE AGREEMENT PREVENTS THE USE OF SOUDA BY TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT. FURTHER FONUS IN THE REFOMULATION IS THAT IT EFFECTIVELY PREVENTS A FUTURE INTERPRETATION WHICH COULD PERMIT INCLUDING IN THE SORTIE COUNT OTHER AIRCRAFT NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE NAVDET MISSION.
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B. PARA III.3 WAS REFORMULATED TO INCLUDE THE SPECIFIED HELICOPTER SORTIE LEVEL IN PARA III.2 ALONG WITH THE FIXED WING SORTIE LEVEL AND TO REPLACE THE RIGID RESTRICTIONS ON HELICOPTER OPERATIONS IN FAVOR OF A PERMISSIVE GENERALIZATION.

C. OUREFFORTS TO ACHIEVE 20 DIVERT-ALERT DAYS PER QUARTER PROVED TO BE A LOST CAUSE. THEREFORE, WE USED THE DIVERT DAY FALL-BACK OF 15 TO PROMOTE OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVES.

D. WHY 121 SORTIES INSTEAD OF 120? AFTER COMPREHENSIVE AND LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS ON COST SHARING AND ARTICLE III, THE U.S. SIDE ASKED FOR ONE EXTRA "SYMBOLIC" SORTIE AS AN EXPRESSION OF GREEK GOOD WILL. THE GREEKS AGREED THE GESTURE WAS WORTHWHILE AND ADDED ONE MORE SORTIE.

5. BEFORE AGREEING TO DROP TEXT IN PARA III.4 REGARDING SPECIAL REQUESTS TO EXCEED OPERATIONAL LIMITATIONS SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE, THE U.S. SIDE INSISTED ON RECEIVING SOMETHING MORE FORMAL THAN SIMPLE VERBAL ASSURANCES AT THE WORKING LEVEL THAT THE GREEKS WOULD BE SYMPATHETIC TO U.S. REQUIREMENTS UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. AS A RESULT, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS WORKED OUT AT THE TABLE AND WILL BE MADE ORALLY BY THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER AT THE TIME THE DCA IS SIGNED:

"WITH RESPECT TO THE LIMITES ON THE UTILIZATION OF SOUDA AIR BASE BY UNITED STATES AIRCRAFT,

THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WILL NOT REFUSE TO CONSIDER
REQUESTS TO WAIVE THESE LIMITS IN CASES OF
EMERGENCY OR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITHIN THE

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CONTEXT OF THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT."

6. ARTICLE V, PARA 2. "GREEK CIVIL AUTHORITIES" WAS
CHANGED TO "GREEK AUTHORITIES" ON THE BASIS OF THEIR
ASSERTION THAT GREEK IMMIGRATION, CUSTOMS, AND CURRENCY
CONTROL OFFICIALS ARE NEITHER MILITARY NOR CIVIL
PERSONNEL BUT "SOMETHING LIKE PARA-MILITARY" UNDER
GREEK LAW. (COMMENT: WE SAW NO REASON TO OBJECT TO
THIS MINOR CHANGE SINCE IT SHOULD MAKE NO DIFFERENCE
TO US IN WHAT CATEGORY THE GREEKS CHOOSE TO PLACE SUCH
OFFICIALS.)

7. ARTICLE IX (COST SHARING). ALL SPECIFIC US OBJECTIVES
SPECIFIED IN REF C INSTRUCTIONS WERE ACHIEVED EXCEPT
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THE DESIRE TO PAY QUARTERLY INSTEAD OF ANNUALLY AND TO ENUMERATE IN A NEW ANNEX C ALL ELEMENTS ON WHICH THE ACTUAL COST OF THE AIRFIELD WOULD BE BASED. HOWEVER, TEXT OF THE ARTICLE WAS STRENGTHENED TO INSURE OUR ABILITY TO CHALLENGE POSSIBLE FUTURE GREEK ATTEMPTS TO INCLUDE UNREASONABLE ITEMS. BONUS POINTS INCLUDE DELETION OF PROVISIONS ON: TOUNC-AND-GO LANDINGS; 1.75 FACTOR FOR US TAKE OFFS AND LANDINGS OUTSIDE NORMAL HAF HOURS; AND MINIMUM 15 PERCENT FLOOR FOR US SHARE OF EXPENSES. SEE FURTHER COMMENTS FOLLOWING NEW TEXT BELOW. ARTICLE IX NOW READS:

"1. PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XI OF THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT, THE US GOVERNMENT SHALL PAY AN EQUITABLE SHARE OF THE EXPENSES ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS:

A. HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE EXPENSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, CONSTRUCTION AND UTILITIES OF THE MILITARY AND SUPPORTING FACILITIES DESIGNATED IN ANNEXES A AND B TO THIS APPENDIX FOR USE OF THE US NAVY AT SOUDA AIR BASE.

B. SHARE IN PERCENT EQUAL TO A OVER A PLUS

$$B \text{ TIMES } 100 \left(\frac{A}{A \text{ PLUS } B} \right) \times 100$$

FOR THE ACTUAL OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE (O AND M) COSTS OF THE AIRFIELD, EXCLUDING THOSE OF ASSIGNED HELLENIC AIR FORCE TACTICAL SQUADRONS AND ANY HELLENIC AND NON-US ORGANIZATIONS OR ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE NOT INVOLVED IN THE FUNCTION OF AN AIRFIELD, WHERE:

-A EQUALS THE NUMBER OF LANDINGS AND TAKE OFFS OF US MILITARY AIRCRAFT USING SOUDA AS ENVISAGED IN ARTICLE III ABOVE MULTIPLIED BY THE
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AVERAGE LANDING WEIGHT OF THESE AIRCRAFT.

-B EQUALS THE NUMBER OF LANDINGS AND TAKE OFFS OF ALL OTHER AIRCRAFT USING SOUDA MULTIPLIED BY THE AVERAGE LANDING WEIGHT OF THESE AIRCRAFT.

C. A LUMP SUM FOR GENERAL OVERHEAD EXPENSES ESTABLISHED AT 5 PERCENT OF THE EXPENSES OUTLINED IN

PARA 1 B ABOVE.

D. THE EXPENSES ARELATED TO THE UTILIZATION OF SOUDA AIR BASE AS AN EMERGENCY DIVERT AIRFIELD BY US MILITARY AIRCRAFT DURING PERIODS WHEN THE AIRFIELD IS NOT OPEN TO OTHER AIR TRAFFIC WILL BE BORNE BY THE US GOVERNMENT. THE ELEMENTS OF SUCH EXPENSES ARE SPECIFIED IN ANNEX C TO THIS APPENDIX. LANDINGS AND TAKE OFFS BY DIVERT AIRCRAFT AND FOLLOW ON AIRCRAFT IN SUPPORT OF DIVERT AIRCRAFT DURING SUCH PERIODS WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE COST SHARING FORMULA IN PARA 1 B ABOVE.

"2. THE TOTAL SHARE OF COSTS TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL BE ESTIMATED QUARTERLY AND COMPUTED ANNUALLY BY THE HELLENIC AIR FORCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAS 1 A, B, C, AND D ABOVE. IN ORDER TO PRORATE CHARGES FOR APPLICABLE HOURS OF EMERGENCY DIVERT PERIODS UNDER PARA 1D ABOVE, THE AVERAGE DAILY COST OF APPLICABLE ELEMENTS SPECIFIED IN ANNEX C TO THIS APPENDIX WILL BE COMPUTED. THE HELLENIC AIR FORCE WILL PREPARE AND FORWARD TO (BLANK) THE QUARTERLY ESTIMATES AND ANNUAL INVOICES, BOTH OF WHICH WILL INCLUDE A DETAILED LIST OF CHARGES REPRESENTING THE US GOVERNMENT SHARE OF COSTS AS DELINEATED IN THIS ARTICLE. REIMBURSEMENT WILL BE MADE BY THE US GOVT TO (BLANK) IN GREEK CURRENCY WITHIN ONE MONTH FROM RECEIPT
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OF THE INVOICE COVERING THE PREVIOUS YEAR."

8. COMMENTS ON ARTICLE IX:

A. PARA 1A. (REF C, PARA 5.B). GREEKS OBJECTED TO WORD "EXCLUSIVE" AS EXPECTED. WE AGREED TO DROP THE WORD IN RETURN FOR GREEK CONCESSION TO DROP THE SAME WORD IN PARA 1.C (RENUMBERED 1.D).

B. STEM OF PARA 1.B (REF C, PARA 5.C). WE AGFEED TO CHANGE "ESSENTIAL" TO LESS RESTRICTIVE "INVOLVED IN" IN RETURN FOR CHANGE OF "AIRDROME" TO MORE RESTTICTIVE "AIRFIELD". GREEKS WERE ADAMANT AGAINST COMPILING A DETAILED LIST OF ALL INDIVIDUAL ELEMENTS ON WHICH ACTUAL O AND M COSTS OF THE AIRFIELD WOULD BE BASED, POINTING OUT THAT (1) THIS WOULD REQUIRE STILL ANOTHER SUBJECT FOR DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS AND (2) THE AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE ADJUSTED EVERY TIME A MINOR CHANGE WAS REQUIRED. NO DOUBT, THE FIRST TIME THE GREEKS PRESENT A BILL UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, THERE

WILL BE DISCREPANCIES TO BE RESOLVED. HOWEVER, LANGUAGE OF THE STEM PROVIDES A SAFEGUARD AGAINST UNREASONABLE DEMANDS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE DCA PACKAGE GIVE US RECOURSE TO CHALLENGE COMPUTATIONS WITH WHICH WE MIGHT DISAGREE BUT CANNOT RESOLVE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL (EXAMPLES : DCA ARTICLE XV.1 AND SOUDA APPENDIX ARTICLE X). IF FUTURE PROBLEMS DO REQUIRE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GREEKS ON THIS SUBJECT, ONE BENEFICIAL SIDE EFFECT IS THAT OUR PRESENT FORMULATION DEFERS THESE DISCUSSIONS TO A FUTURE DATE WHERE THEY WOULD NOT PREVENT CONCLUSION OF THE DCA, A BASIC US OBJECTIVE EXPRESSED IN REF C, PARA 4.

C. PARA 1.B, FACTORS A AND B (REF C, PARAS 5.D AND 5.E). NEW FORMULATION FOR DEFINITION OF "A" ELIMINATES GREEK PROBLEM IN UNDERSTANDING OUR PHRASE "IN SUPPORT
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OF NAVDET SOUDA". ITS PRIMARY PURPOSE, HOWEVER, IS TO INSURE THAT ONLY AIRCRAFT IN SUPPORT OF NAVDET SOUDA AND NO OTHERS ARE INCLUDED IN FACTOR A WITHOUT USING THE PHRASE ITSELF. NEW DEFINITION OF "B", WHEN COMPARED WITH "A", INCLUDES ALL OTHER US, GREEK, AND THIRD-COUNTRY AIRCRAFT.

D. PARA 1.C. (REF C, PARA 5.G). GREEKS SHOWED STIFF RESISTANCE TO LOWERING THEIR REQUIREMENT FOR A 20 PERCENT OVERHEAD CHARGE. HOWEVER WE SUSTAINED OUR 5 PERCENT LIMIT ON THE BASIS OF RATIONALE IN OUR INSTRUCTIONS.

E. PARA 1.D. (FORMER SECOND SENTENCE OF 1.C) (REF C, PARA 5.I) GREEKS ACCEPTED US FORMULATION, WITH EXCEPTION OF PROVISION WHICH WOULD EXEMPT AIRCRAFT OPERATING UNDER ARTICLE III.1 FROM THE COST SHARING FORMULA DURING PERIODS OF EMERGENCY DIVERT. THEIR POINT WAS THAT EXPENSES FOR EMERGENCY DIVERT ARE LIMITED TO ONLY A FEW ITEMS WHILE THOSE FOR ARTICLE III.1 AIRCRAFT WERE IN A BROADER CONTEXT. IN ANY EVENT, DIVERT AIRCRAFT AND OTHER AIRCRAFT IN SUPPORT OF THESE DIVERTS ARE EXPLICITLY EXEMPT UNDER THIS FORMULATION. OTHER AIRCRAFT, EXCEPT THOSE COVERED BY ARTICLE III.1, ARE EXEMPT BY VIRTUE OF THE ARITHMETICAL FORMULA ITSELF. GREEKS ALSO AGREED TO LIST CHARGEABLE ITEMS FOR DIVERT ALERT PERIODS IN A NEW ANNEX C. THIS ANNEX WILL BE NEGOTIATED SEPARATELY ON THE BASIS OF A LIST THEY EXPECT TO PROVIDE THIS WEEK. GREEKS STATED THAT THE LIST WILL BE LIMITED TO RELATIVELY FEW ITEMS SUCH AS TOWER OPERATION, FIELD LIGHTING, ETC.

F. PARA 2 (REF C, PARA 5.K). GREEKS MADE THE POINT THAT THEY WOULD BE JUST AS INCONVENIENCED BY QUARTERLY PAYMENTS AS THE USN WOULD BE BY ANNUAL PAYMENTS

AND THEREFORE, AS HOSTS, THE MATTER SHOULD BE
RESOLVED IN THEIR FAVOR. WE ACCEPTED THEIR POSITION
ONLY AFTER THEY AGREED TO LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD OBLIGE
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THE HAF TO PROVIDE THE USN WITH QUARTERLY ESTIMATES TO
SATISFY USN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS.

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9. ANNEX A. REF C DID NOT PROVIDE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS ANNEX. WHILE ACCEPTING MOST LANGUAGE PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED BY THE U.S., THE GREEKS INSISTED ON CHANGES IN PARAGRAPHS COVERING THE SUPPORT MISSION, TEMPORARY INCREASES IN PERSONNEL LEVELS, AND CLASSIFIED SPACES, ALL FOR REASONS OUTLINED IN PARA 3 ABOVE. REVISED ANNEX A WORKED OUT AT THE TABLE NOW READS:

"1. PURPOSE: THE MILITARY AND SUPPORTING

FACILITIES AT SOUDA AIR BASE ARE CONCERNED WITH FLIGHT ACTIVITIES, MINE MAINTENANCE AND ASSEMBLY, AND SUPPORT, CONDUCTED IN THE INTEREST OF HELLENIC, NATO AND UNITED STATES COMMON DEFENSE.

"2. MISSION:
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AIR OPERATIONS: OPERATE, MAINTAIN AND SUPPORT MARITIME PATROL, LOGISTIC, AND CARRIER DIVERT AIRCRAFT IN CONNECTION WITH PURPOSES OF THE SIXTH FLEET/STRIKING FORCE SOUTH OF ALLIED COMMAND, EUROPE. THE GENERAL POLICY CONCERNING MARITIME PATROL IAR OPERATIONS FROM SOUDA AIR BASE SHALL BE THE SUBJECT OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES.

B. MINE MAINTENANCE AND ASSEMBLY: MAINTAIN AND PERFORM PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE ON PRE-POSITIONED MINE STOCKPILES, AND PROVIDE MINE READINESS CAPABILITY, IN SUPPORT OF SIXTH FLEET/STRIKING FORCE SOUTH OF ALLIED COMMAND, EUROPE.

C. SUPPORT: MAINTAIN AND OPERATE FACILITIES PROVIDING BASE SUPPORT AS NECESSARY TO SATISFY THE PURPOSE AND MISSIONS STATED ABOVE.

"3. LOCATION: SOUDA AIR BASE, SOUDA BAY, CRETE.

"4. PERSONNEL STRENGTHS: THE UNITED STATES FORCES MAY STATION A PERMANENT DETACHMENT OF LIAISON AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL AT SOUDA AIR BASE CONSISTING OF NOT MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED MEMBERS. OCCASIONALLY AND DURING PEAK LOADING PERIODS, THE NUMBER OF SUCH PERSONNEL MAY BE TEMPORARILY AUGMENTED FOR SPECIFIED PERIODS OF TIME AFTER PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE APPROPRIATE HELLENIC AUTHORITIES.

"5. MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT: A DETAILED LIST OF ALL MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE INSTALLATION COMMANDER BY THE UNITED STATES SENIOR OFFICER AND SHALL CONSTITUTE THE AUTHORIZED NUMBERS OF MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT AT THE MILITARY AND SUPPORTING FACILITIES OF SOUDA AIR BASE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VI, PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT, ANY
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INCREASE IN SUCH NUMBERS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE COMPETENT GREEK AUTHORITIES.

"6. MILITARY AND SUPPORTING FACILITIES:

A. MILITARY AND SUPPORTING FACILITIES PROVIDED FOR THE USE OF THE UNITED STATES FORCES AT SOUDA AIR BASE ARE AS DELINEATED IN THE FACILITY PLAN OF ANNEX B TO THIS APPENDIX.

B. SPACES IN WHICH CRYPTOGRAPHIC AND RELATED CLASSIFIED ACTIVITIES ARE CARRIED OUT ARE DESIGNATED AS UNITED STATES CLASSIFIED SPACES. THE UNITED STATES SENIOR OFFICER WILL PROVIDE TO THE INSTALLATION COMMANDER A LIST SPECIFYING THE LOCATION OF AND ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT IN SUCH SPACES AS THEY HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THE TWO PARTIES. ANY CHANGES IN THE LIST WILL BE SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE TO THE COMPETENT GREEK AUTHORITIES."

10. COMMENTS ON ANNEX A:

A. PARA 2.C. AS ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL, THE U.S. SIDE HAS CONSISTENTLY TRIED TO GENERALIZE ANNEX A OF ALL APPENDICES WHILE THE GREEKS PRESSURED FOR DETAILS. FORMULATION OF OLD PARA 2.C IN REF A REPRESENTED OUR EFFORTS TO SATISFY THE GREEKS. NEW GREEK DESIRE TO GENERALIZE THIS PARA IS A HELPFUL REVERSAL OF THEIR PREVIOUS VIEWS. WE BELIEVE THIS NEW VERSION, ALTHOUGH CIRCULAR IN ITS CONNECTION WITH PARAGRAPHS ON PURPOSE AND OTHER MISSIONS, SATISFIES THE INTENT OF THE FORMER DETAILS AND INCREASES U.S. FLEXIBILITY BY OMITTING SPECIFIC ITEMS IN THE SUPPORT CATEGORY.

B. PARA 4. GREEKS ACCEPTED PERMANENT PARTY PERSONNEL LEVEL OF 200, POINTING OUT, HOWEVER, THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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THE ACTUAL POPULATION OF SOUDA SELDOM EXCEEDS 130. THEY REJECTED THE IDEA THAT THE U.S. COULD DOUBLE THIS NUMBER ANY TIME IT CHOSE TO DO SO AND REMINDED US THAT THE U.S. FORMULATION PROVIDING FOR THIS OPTION WAS RELATED TO OUR ORIGINAL DESIRE TO USE SOUDA FOR TACTICAL AIR OPERATIONS. GREEKS, HOWEVER, AGREED TO RETAIN THE CONCEPT OF TEMPORARY AUGMENTATION, SUBJECT TO THEIR APPROVAL.

C. PARA 5. GREEKS WITHDREW THEIR PREVIOUS INSISTANCE THAT SPECIFIC MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT BE ENUMERATED. RATHER, THEY ACCEPTED OUR PREFERENCE FOR

A GENERALIZED STATEMENT DRAWING ON THE LAST TWO SENTENCES OF HELLENIKON ANNEX A, PARA 5.

D. PARA 6.B. THIS PARAGRAPH WAS REFORMULATED FOR MAXIMUM STANDARDIZATION WITH THE SAME PARAGRAPH IN ANNEX A TO OTHER APPENDICES. GREEKS INITIALLY WANTED "OTHER CLASSIFIED ACTIVITIES" REMOVED TO AVOID THE IMPLICATION THAT THE GOG SECRETLY AUTHORIZED SECRET ACTIVITIES AT SOUDA. AS A COMPROMISE, THE WORD "OTHER" WAS CHANGED TO "RELATED" WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT, WHETHER RELATED WITH CRYPTOGRAPHIC ACTIVITIES OR NOT, OTHER U.S. CLASSIFIED SPACE REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE SUBSUMED UNDER "RELATED".

11. ACTIONS REQUESTED.

A. WASHINGTON APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT TEXTS CONTAINED IN THIS MESSAGE BY OOB MAY 9.

B. THE EXACT NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE AGENCY TO BE ENTERED IN THE FIRST BLANK SPACE IN APPENDIX ARTICLE IX, PARA 2 (PARA 7 ABOVE).
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